

Ami Chokshi

Human Services Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2000
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Lesser, Representative Gilchrest and members of the Human Services Committee:

On behalf of myself, Ami Chokshi, I am writing in support of raised House Bill 6617, *An Act Increasing Access to Reproductive Health Care*. This bill addresses a critical public health need by eliminating barriers to fertility care and ensuring that Connecticut residents have equitable access to the reproductive care they need to grow families.

I am a former fertility patient and current CT-based advocate and coach for women and couples who are trying to conceive. I've worked over the past decade to inform people of their options, support their need through fertility challenges, and guide them along the path to building their families. My interest is to see as many people receive fertility care benefits as possible.

I know several people, including single people and LGBTQ individuals, who desire to be parents and who may benefit from the passing of this bill. Since CT has a reputation for being an inclusive state, they should also be included in our fertility mandate.

House Bill 6617 is needed because the costs of fertility care can be exorbitant. When borne by individuals alone, fertility care treatments can range from a thousand to tens of thousands of dollars. Like many health care treatments, the cost of fertility care puts it out of reach for the vast majority of people without health insurance that covers fertility care.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill, and please advance it favorably.

Sincerely,

Ami Chokshi
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